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SANDERS APPOINTS 5 TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Jerry Sanders has appointed Bruce Brown, Vicki Granowitz, Roz King, Evonne Schulze, and Mike Stepner to the Park & Recreation Board, subject to City Council confirmation.

Bruce Brown is a retired Human Resources Manager and has 20 years management experience with some of San Diego's largest companies. Mr. Brown also has a long history of civic involvement and service to the community including previously serving on the City's Planning Commission and Historical Resources Board. Mr. Brown has been a member of the Mira Mesa Planning Group and Mira Mesa Town Council for many years and has served as President for both entities. He is also currently active with the Scripps Mesa Board of Directors for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Mr. Brown will replace Aurora Cudal, who has resigned, for a term expiring March 1, 2008.

Vicki Granowitz is a retired psychotherapist in private practice and has devoted her time and talents to numerous civic and community causes. Among them, Ms. Granowitz serves as Chair of the North Park Recreation Council and the North Park Planning Committee. She has also actively served on the Balboa Park Committee since 2002 and currently co-chairs the Land Use and Strategic Planning Sub-committee. Ms. Granowitz was also the former Chair of the Policy and Operations Subcommittee for the Balboa Park Committee. Upon her confirmation to the Park & Recreation Board, Ms. Granowitz will chair the Balboa Park Committee. Vicki Granowitz will replace Darlene Gould Davies, whose term has expired, for a term ending March 1, 2009.

Roz King continues to be an effective and very active community leader. Her past and present service on the Encanto Neighborhoods Community Planning Committee and Encanto Park and Recreation Committee has made a significant impact within and beyond the community. In addition to her insight into recreation and community planning, Ms. King is an Executive Board Member of the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council which has provided funding for the resurfacing of more than 50 tennis courts in public parks and schools throughout San Diego County. Ms. King is a retired Nurse Practitioner and former Director of Primary Care Services for the Kaiser Medical Group. Ms. King will replace Robert Robinson, whose term has expired, for a term ending March 1, 2009.

Evonne Schulze is a retired educator, consultant, and government relations professional. Ms. Schulze made an impact within the field of education as an educational consultant for the U.S. Department of Education, Director of Community Education for the San Diego Unified School District, and also taught Speech, Radio, & Television at the University of North Dakota. Ms. Schulze also has a distinguished record of community and public service. She was elected for three four-year terms to the San Diego Community College Board of Trustees and served on the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Ms. Schulze has also chaired the San Diego County Planning and Land Use Board and the San Diego County Department of Education Personnel Commission. In addition, Ms. Schulze's service on several oversight boards resulted in bond measures to provide resources for area community colleges and San Diego City Schools. Evonne Schulze will replace Jim Austin, who has resigned, for a term expiring March 1, 2008.

Michael Stepner's career exemplifies the essence of planning. Mr. Stepner is a professor of Architecture and Urban Design at the NewSchool of Architecture & Design and an adjunct instructor in the Urban Studies and Planning School at the University of California, San Diego. His vision and ability have inspired students, colleagues, community leaders, and activists, resulting in an enhanced and invigorated quality of life not only in San Diego, but nationally, and internationally. He also teaches studio and lecture classes that focus on the importance of public space to a community's health and well-being. In his 27 years employed with the City of San Diego, Mr. Stepner worked in various positions in the City Planning Department and was the city's first City Architect. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a Fellow of the Institute for Urban Design.

Mr. Stepner recently completed six years of service on the Balboa Park Committee and has a long history of dedication and involvement with Balboa Park. Mr. Stepner will replace Kevin Faulconer, who has resigned, for a term expiring March 1, 2008.